
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

Fiscal Services Division

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Undercover Funds

Purpose and History

Undercover moneys, which are appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department of Public Safety, are used to purchase small amounts of narcotics in an effort to develop intent-to-deliver cases and to discover or develop the investigation of larger conspiracies to deliver controlled substances. The second use for undercover moneys is to pay confidential informants for information relative to ongoing investigations. The State moneys are also used as a match when federal funds become available.

Funding

The Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE) serves as the administrator of Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) undercover funds. A percentage of the funds supports undercover operations, and the remainder is distributed to local drug task force operations throughout the State. Undercover funds are received primarily from a State General Fund appropriation and are used to match ODCP funds. The annual General Fund appropriation for undercover funds began in FY 1991 at \$275,000. This amount steadily decreased to \$109,000 in the following years. In FY 2019, this amount increased to its current level of \$209,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [661](#)

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More Information

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